Representation of Muslims in State service.

33. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the leading article of the '*Aikyam*' dated 27th M dam 1104 ;

(b) will the Government kindly say what they have done to redress the grievances of the Muslims mentioned therein ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Government have done and are doing all that they reasonably can do to the Muslims in general and to the Muslims mentioned by name in the article. Of the two thus mentioned, one was appointed as Registrar-Magistrate. He continues as such and must wait for his turn as he cannot be promoted over seniors simply because he is a Muslim. The other was recently appointed as District Registrar.

Article in the Aikyam news-paper re: Police outrages.

34. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the article entitled 'Police outrages' (appearing in the '*Aikyam* dated 3rd Edavam 1104);

(b) has the Government made any investigations about the allegations mentioned therein ;

(c) what is the result of the said investigations ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The allegations against the Police are false.

Public lecture of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.

35. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether its attention was drawn to the following statement in the report of a public lecture delivered by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya at the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, published in the "*Hindu*" of Monday, May 13, 1929.. ..... "He could congratulate Cochin on their good fortune to have such a gifted lady (the Consort of His Highness the Maharaja) at the helm of affairs?"

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

Point of order that a part of a question cannot be disallowed.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I rise to a point of order. This question contained the following additional parts also:—Part (b):'Whether the Consort has any voice in the administration of the affairs of the State ; if so, what are her powers and

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when was her voice begun to be felt and what are the important matters in which the Consort has interfered hitherto'? Part (c): 'Will any paper in the possession of the Government show that she has a recognised position in the administration ; if so, what are these papers'? Part (d : 'If this Consort be not at the helm of affairs, will the Government be pleased to issue a press communique to remove the misapprehension caused in the mind of the public by the above statement reported in the '*Hindu*' by a distinguished personage in the political field like Pandit Malaviya ?'

Under Rule 11, the President cannot disallow a part of a question. The whole question can be disallowed. The President may disallow any question, and it does not say that any part of a question can be disallowed. Under Rule 38, with regard to resolutions, "the President may disallow any resolution or part of a resolution if it contravenes any of the Rules or the Standing Orders or if, in his opinion, it cannot be moved consistently with the public interests." There is no provision made for disallowing parts of questions under Rule 11.

President.—Any question there includes parts also.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether there is any truth in the above statement ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. In view of the well-known existing rules and practices of the constitution, I do not think any answer is needed. Still I say no.

Economic Development Committee.

36. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) who were the members of the committee appointed by the Economic Development Committee to report upon the question of existing conditions of tenancy, tenure and taxation;

(b) whether the report received from this committee will be printed and placed on the Table;

(c) what action has been taken by the Government on this report?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) and (b) Vide answer to question No. 422 of the last Legislative Session.

(c) No action has been taken.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know why no action was taken on it ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because in the report itself they did not formulate any suggestions. They rather referred the Government to the Tenancy Committee that is going to be appointed. So there is not anything in it. No action could be taken.

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